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SUBJECT: MIGUEL SERVET FUND

1. AT INVITATION OF THE MIGUEL SERVET FUND, DR. ROBERT RINGLER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, HEW/NIH NATIONAL HEART AND LUNG INSTITUTE, WITH SEVERAL OTHER FOREIGN AND WHO OBSERVERS, ATTENDED MEETING OF THE FUND'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN GENEVA APRIL 1-5. DIRECTOR OF FUND IS DR. LEOPOLDO MARTINEZ-OSORIO CORZAN.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FUND IS A COMPONENT OF FUNDACION GENERAL MEDITERRANEA AND FOCUSES PARTICULARLY ON IMPROVING CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH IN SPAIN. MAJOR BACKERS ARE FROM BANKING AND INDUSTRY IN SPAIN. IN ADDITION TO REVIEWING SOME 103 APPLICATIONS FOR RESEARCH AWARDS, MEETING ALSO DISCUSSED FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR RESEARCH SUPPORT BY THE FUND, POTENTIAL COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES, AND REFINEMENTS IN ITS SCIENTIFIC REVIEW PROCESS.

3. WHILE THE FUND OFFICERS GAVE STRONG IMPRESSION THAT

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FUND HAD SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES AND PURSUING WORTHY

OBJECTIVES, IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHAT MAGNITUDE THESE
RESOURCES ARE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS AS
TO SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FUND, ITS POTENTIAL AS A USEFUL
VEHICLE FOR COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITY WITH SPANISH RESEARCH
COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY IN THE CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH AREA,

AND ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY MAY HAVE ON ANY OTHER ASPECT
THAT MAY HELP IN DETERMINING TO WHAT EXTENT HEW/NHLI
SHOULD PURSUE THIS RELATIONSHIP. RUSH

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